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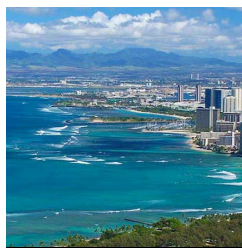
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Evangelical Christianity is often characterized by its preachers' flamboyance and charisma and their focus on entertainment and supposed acts of God over traditional churches' more somber sermons.

Among all of the showbiz and glamor, a few preachers have lost their way and become embroiled in scandal. Men like Jimmy Swaggert, whose tearful confession has become infamous, and Ted Haggard, whose anti-gay sermons were rapidly discredited when it became clear that he had employed the services of a male escort, are some of the more well-known preachers to fall from grace. This list aims to bring your attention to a few more people whose hypocrisy outshone their message.

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10 Jim Bakker



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Jim Bakker is a former member of Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority and, at one time, was among the most influential evangelist preachers in the United States. He cohosted The PTL Club with his wife for several years, interviewing several prominent faces in the Christian community in addition to raking in cash from his thousands of loyal followers.

Behind his message hid a dark secret that was revealed in 1987. Bakker had spent more than \$270,000 to silence a former employee named Jessica Hahn, who has accused him of engaging in a **forced sexual encounter** with her.

It didn't end there, however. Further investigations into Bakker's personal finances and the finances of his ministry revealed that he had been **siphoning off** large proportions of the money donated by his followers into his own bank accounts.

Bakker ended up serving time in jail for the crime, and his marriage ended soon after, amid mudslinging from both sides. He never regained the level of prominence that he had enjoyed before 1987.

9 Kent Hovind



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The devil made them do it! But it will be OK! A few more dollars, and they will feel all better again!

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Give me all your money, and I'll give you instant salvation!!

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What makes people believe that if they send money to some guy on tv, God will hear them better? Is this something typically American? Just wondering.

"You can not petition the lord with prayer"

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Bored/depressed/lonely/mentally ill elderly folks stuck sitting in a nursing home with strong faiths and stronger checkbooks are these weasels primary source of income. Very sad.

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The result of a parasitic society and poorly educated citizenry....

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Sounds like the Royal families of the world.

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Fortunately...the world is finally catching on to their bullshit...

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Would you be one of the educated ones, O wise man?

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I know my A, B, 3's & 1, 2, C's I s'pose...

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Also, inbreeding.

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If two hutterites get married...are they still considered brother and sister?

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I'll have to check with my Moth...er... Wife...

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Bwhaahahahahaha!!!

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Something funny?

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Yes. That comment made me laugh

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You thought I was joking?

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I did. Now I'm not sure

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